GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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POLLUTION BY PSUS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution problems due to public undertakings in Mumbai have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against polluting undertakings?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a),(b),(c) & (d):Yes, Sir. Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in Chembur in Mumbaiwere posing pollution problems due to emissions of gaseous pollutants. There has been substantial improvement in environmental quality of the area after the industries have adopted pollution control measures as per the directions issued by Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board(MPCB).

A Committee was appointed by the State Government to review the industrial units causing foul smell problems.Based on the recommendations of the Committee, the MPCB directed closure of one industrial unit in the Chembur area.The area is regularly monitored by the MPCB.The liquid and air effluents are collected periodically from the industrial units for taking appropriate action. The PSUs have also undertaken a tree plantation program, thereby improving the air quality in the area.